

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA
Montana Eighth Judicial District Court, County of Cascade

STATE OF MONTANA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	CAUSE NO. DC-14-365
-vs-)	
)	DECISION
ADAM SANCHEZ, JR.,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

On December 10, 2015, the District Court sentenced the Defendant as follows:

Amended Count I: Deliberate Homicide – committed to the Montana State Prison to serve a life term, without eligibility of parole;

Amended Count II: Criminal Endangerment- committed to the Montana State Prison to serve a ten (10) year term, no time suspended;

Amended Count III: Assault with a Weapon- committed to the Montana State Prison to serve a twenty (20) year term, with no time suspended;

Alternative Count IV: Negligent Endangerment- committed to the Cascade County Detention Center to serve a one (1) year term, with no time suspended;

Amended Count V: Assault on a Peace Officer- committed to the Montana State Prison to serve a ten (10) year term, with no time suspended.

This sentence was ordered to run consecutive to the sentence imposed in DC-13-546. Defendant was granted credit for 483 days of time served.

On February 22, 2018, Defendant's Application for review of that sentence was heard by the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). Defendant was present and was represented by Brent Getty of the Office of the State Public Defender. The State was represented by Cascade County Attorney Joshua Racki via videoconferencing. Mother of the homicide victim, Linda Dunn, was present and gave a statement. Also present were Caitlin Dunn, niece of the victim, Joyce Kramer of MT Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), and Dennis Kramer of COPS.

Before hearing the Application, Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive. Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is **AFFIRMED**.

Done in open Court this 22nd day of February, 2018.

DATED this 9th day of March, 2018.

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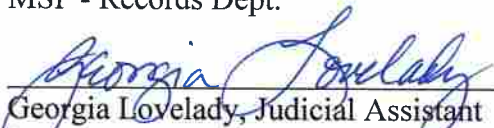

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